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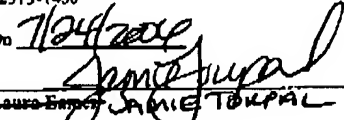
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Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

- ☒ Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.